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SUBJECT: VIKING STATUS REPORT - 7 JULY 1976

1. THE AREC BO RADAR DATA OF THE VIKING NORTHWEST LANDING SITE (23.4 N BY 43.4 DEGREES W) WAS REVIEWED AT JPL THIS MORNING. TWO GOOD PASSES WERE OBTAINED, ONE ON JULY 3 AND ONE ON JULY 4. THESE TWO PASSES HAD A GOOD RETURN SIGNAL, WERE CONSISTENT WITH EACH OTHER AND WITH THE 1967 RADAR DATA. WITH ITS BETTER RESOLUTION, THE NEW DATA TENDS TO INDICATE THAT THE PRESENT LANDING SITE AT 43.4 DEGREES W LONGITUDE MAY NOT BE SUITABLE EVEN THOUGH THE PICTURES LOOK GOOD. THE AREA TO THE WEST BETWEEN 48 DEGREES W AND 55 DEGREES W LOOKS BETTER.

2. AN OPTION IS NOW BEING STUDIED TO PHOTOGRAPH THESE AREAS FURTHER TO THE WEST. SHOULD THIS OPTION BE EXERCISED, THE POTENTIAL LANDING DELAY WOULD BE UP TO FIVE DAYS. A DECISION IS TO BE REACHED LATE THIS EVENING. A REVISED ACTIVITY SCHEDULE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE TOMORROW.

3. BOTH SPACECRAFT CONTINUE IN EXCELLENT HEALTH. IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT NAUGLE OR HINNERS EARLY
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